

Table 4 A. Consumer Durables by Social Characteristics: Households with Air Conditioner, Telephone, Electronic Appliances, and Basic Appliances: 1998

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Air conditioner	Telephone	Electronic appliances**	Basic four appliances*
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	77.7	96.2	24.3	79.5
Age of householder					
15 to 29	12,686	77.4	92.7	21.1	62.4
30 to 44	34,628	78.0	95.8	31.8	80.1
45 to 64	33,549	77.9	96.8	28.2	84.3
65 or older	21,788	77.0	97.8	8.1	81.0
Sex of householder					
Male	56,448	78.5	96.3	28.0	81.9
Female	46,204	76.7	96.0	19.8	76.5
Race of householder					
White	86,272	78.4	97.0	25.5	82.4
Black	12,474	77.5	90.9	15.9	62.8
Other	3,906	63.0	94.9	25.3	68.4
Ethnicity of householder					
Hispanic	8,794	69.2	93.7	12.9	64.3
White non-Hispanic	78,219	79.3	97.3	26.7	84.1
Household structure					
Non-family alone	28,005	74.2	94.8	11.9	64.6
Non-family with others	3,647	73.0	95.2	25.1	66.4
Married, no children	27,345	82.6	98.7	28.5	91.6
Married with children	26,955	81.3	97.5	39.2	89.9
Unmarried, no children	5,804	73.5	95.6	14.5	76.0
Unmarried with children	10,896	69.3	90.5	13.7	67.8
Householder disability					
Disabled	9,720	71.3	91.2	12.0	69.2
Not disabled	92,932	78.4	96.7	25.6	80.5
Health insurance coverage					
Not insured	20,451	72.7	91.1	13.8	67.3
Insured	82,201	78.9	97.4	26.9	82.5
Housing tenure					
Home owner	68,632	81.4	98.2	29.7	93.6
Renter	34,020	70.3	92.0	13.4	51.0

* Refrigerator, Stove, Clothes Washer, Telephone

** Computer, Cell Phone, VCR, Television

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